


GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

OCTOBER 11, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A photograph of a tall, cylindrical lighthouse situated on a grassy hill. The lighthouse is dark in color and has a lantern room at the top. The foreground is filled with tall, green grasses that are slightly out of focus. The sky is a clear, bright blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

*Your Word
is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.*

- Psalm 119:105

Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE—Eternal Beauty

Claude Debussy

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord,
to sing praises to you, O God most high,

Many: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night.**

One: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

Many: **At the work of your hands I sing for joy!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN 459—O Word of God Incarnate
(see bulletin pg.14)

Tune: Munich

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.

All: Gracious God, from the very beginning you desired communion with your children, and you called us to relationships of love and trust and joy. Yet we find ourselves caught in webs of hurt and fear and alienation, isolated from each other, contributing to the brokenness of the world. For those we have not taken time to understand and about whom we have made false assumptions, forgive us. For those we have taken for granted and by our inattention neglected, forgive us. Equip us by fresh outpourings of your love to attend and mend the relationships that enrich this life as we participate in your calling of reconciliation. We make our prayer of confession in the name of Jesus Christ.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Amen. Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach and reconcile us to God and one another. We are forgiven and freed!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Through the friendship and love of Jesus, strangers become brothers and sisters. Celebrate reconciliation, and may the peace of Christ be with you! h

All: **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (John Lincoln Scholtes III)
THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS—Love the Lord Your God *Tune: Great Commandment*
We affirm our faithfulness to God by singing Hymn 62, the "Great Commandment."

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the words of life, that we may understand your way, follow your path, and live your truth, through Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

All: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT READING-- Ephesians 4:25-32

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM--Let All the World in Every Corner Sing Calvin Hampton

OLD TESTAMENT READING--Exodus 20:16

SERMON--Promoting Truth and Justice in Your Speaking Mark Diehl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS OF SELF AND GIFTS

For those who are able, we are grateful for your continued offerings to our ministries. You can donate online using the "Secure Donation Form" link on our website's front page. Your contributions are so important at this time.

OFFERING ANTHEM--Accept Our Gifts of Love and Praise James Biery

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN 372--O for a World *Tune: Azmon*
(see bulletin pg.15)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE--Rondo C. P. E. Bach, arr. Robin Austin

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WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its growing congregations. As a multi-generational community of faith, we are pleased to offer a host of ministries that respond to the varied interests of our members and friends. **We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray you will receive a sense of God's loving Spirit from your time with us.** No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Theme for Fall 2020:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Our theme for the fall program year of 2020 is "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105). When faith communities attend God's word by reading and studying and meditating on its meaning and significance, and implement its wisdom, those communities are led to wholeness and fulfillment, righteousness and peace.

The focus of sermons in worship through the end of October will sharpen that theme centering on the Decalogue or the "Ten Words," otherwise known as the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). The Ten Commandments were given to a community that had been enslaved for 400 years in order to provide these newly freed people with relevant patterns of justice and dignity and responsibility. Understood properly, the commandments can guide us in our challenging moment in time as well.

Mark has provided a study guide for the congregation to use during the series which can be found and downloaded from GPMC's website. You are encouraged to read the scripture and engage the questions from each week's study prior to the sermon. This week will be Study #10. All sermons will be recorded and broadcast at 9am on Sundays, and can be found on the website or our YouTube channel.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, Susan Mozena, Carol Marks, Lisa Turner; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; James Biery, organist; Rose Urbiel, violinist; Michelle Lam, carillonist; Joe Masinick and Nathan Turner, worship service production.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism as we welcome **John Lincoln Scholtes III**, son of Michelle and John Scholtes Jr.

What's Happening Today, October 11, 2020

8:30am & 5pm Worship Service Trinity Terrace
Reservations Recommended
9am Worship Service Pre-Recorded (Livestreamed)
10:10am Middle Hour via Zoom and Phone

Weekly Livestreamed Services will be available on GPMC's Website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Family Faith Playlists are now available on our church website! Our brand-new online Sunday school offering for children, youth and parents are ready and waiting for you and your family to do! Simply go to our church website and click on the "Families" link which will direct you to the "Family Faith Playlist" site. There are many different playlists to choose from and each playlist has multiple resources to use for all ages. There is also a link for suggested ways on how to use them. What is great about the playlists is that they can be done around your family's schedule. If you would like to join a small group, use the sign-up button found on the Family Faith Playlist page to join one of the designated groups. Each group will individually collaborate on how and when to meet. If you have questions about how to start using the playlists, contact Lisa Turner at 313.882.5330 or by email at lturner@gpmchurch.org.



Youth Groups for middle school and high school students meet each Tuesday, from 7-8pm on Trinity Terrace. Students from 5th-12th grade are welcome to join us for FLAME (grades 5 & 6), LIFE (grades 7 & 8) and TUXIS (grades 9-12). **All youth members and guests must have a POA on file or we will be unable to allow them access to the Back 40.** The paperwork is available at: <https://bit.ly/3bJoVIK> Please click on the link to fill out your registration and return your forms electronically! This month we will have bonfires, pumpkin painting, scary stories, and a costume contest! We'll also be playing some great games like Corn Hole, Kan Jam, Giant Jenga, Lighthouse and Ghosts in the Graveyard. Come share friendship and fellowship on the Back-40! Please wear your mask, dress for the weather, and bring a flashlight, in addition to your forms (if you haven't already turned them in). If the weather is really terrible, we'll meet online for a similar program via Zoom. We look forward to seeing everyone! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Bellovich at rachel.bellovich@comcast.net for more information.

Middle Hour, today, October 11, 10:10-11:30am via Zoom: Created in God's Image: How Racism Distorts God's Self Portrait "Language and Prejudice: Discrimination and Ways to Combat It" Join us to hear from two very accomplished linguists, Margaret Winters, Ph.D and Geoffrey Nathan, Ph.D about how language and prejudice intersect, contributing to discrimination. Geoff Nathan is Professor Emeritus in the Linguistics Program at Wayne State University, and also retired from his role as WSU's Chief Privacy Officer. With a doctorate in Linguistics from the University of Hawai'i, Geoff has taught at the University of Montana, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale as well as Wayne State. His area of specialization is phonetics and phonology. He was responsible for introducing these areas to Cognitive Linguistics, in part through his phonology text, *Phonology: A Cognitive Grammar Introduction*. Geoff and his wife, Margaret Winters, have just published *Cognitive Linguistics for Linguist*. In addition to phonetics and phonology, Geoff is interested in the political and social issues involved in computing, particularly privacy and security. Margaret E. Winters is former Provost and Professor Emerita of French and Linguistics at Wayne State University. Her research interests are in historical semantics and the history of the Romance languages as well as the history of the field of Linguistics. Widely published in these fields, Margaret has also published two editions of *Old French courtly romances* and, this year, *Cognitive Linguistics for Linguists* with Geoffrey Nathan and an *Introduction to Historical Linguistics*. A native of New York City, she attended Brooklyn College. She spent a year in France after receiving her B.A. and subsequently did graduate work at the University of California Riverside (M.A.) and the University of Pennsylvania (Ph.D.).
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83167532071>
If you wish to join by phone: 646.558.8656, ID # 83167532071

Preacher's Workshop meets Oct. 12 at 10am via Zoom with Mark Diehl. The preaching text is Exodus 20:17. 7

Short Story in October: With thanks to Ellen Creager for choosing a short story and agreeing to lead our discussion. Please join us on October 14th at 7:30pm to consider Jim Shepard's "The Zero Meter Diving Team." Ellen reports that the story has "lots of good ethical discussion points for our group, plus it's a riveting story." Sounds great! We hope to see you via Zoom. Here's the link, as well as the phone number, if you wish to join by phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81295111789> Phone: 646.558.8656, ID# 81295111789.

"Reel Theology" in October: Reel Theology will meet on October 19th, rather than on its customary first Monday of the month. Please join us at 7:30pm on the 19th to view "A River Runs Through It," a beautifully filmed 1992 movie directed by Robert Redford, starring Brad Pitt and Tom Skerritt. Set in Missoula, Montana in the period between World War I and the Great Depression, it is a powerful film, the story of a Presbyterian minister and his two sons, one studious and one rebellious. We will meet via Zoom.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7-8am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7-8am. Will meet in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Steven Voorhees at captaingadget@comcast.net with any questions.

Adult Bible Study, first and third Wednesday nights of the month. 7:30-9pm. via Zoom. The next meeting is Oct. 7. If you are not now a participant and wish to join, please contact Susan Mozena.

Scripture and Conversation for Women, meets each Wednesday morning, 11:15am-12:15pm, via free conference call (1.978.990.5000, access code 658374). If you are not a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena, so you can be updated as needed regarding details.

Men's Bible Study, 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8-9am. Will meet in Fellowship Hall beginning October 17th. If you are not now a member and wish to join, contact David Asker at davidasker@outlook.com.

Novel as Theology in October: Our novel for October 28 at 7:30pm via Zoom is *Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. Published in 2016, Colson's novel won both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction that year. It is a "...novel about the horrors of American slavery and the sinister permutations of racism...[The book] follows a young slave named Cora who escapes a Georgia plantation and, in a surreal twist, travels north via a literal underground subway." (Alexandra Alter, *New York Times*, 11/17/2016). Join us as we discuss the book under the guidance of Pamela Hartmann, who chose the book and is gearing up to lead our conversation.

Please check emails, the bulletin, and the website for Adult Education updates. For questions, please contact Susan Mozena, susanhmozena@gmail.com, or 313.204.4875.

MUSIC

Music at Memorial 2020-21 Concert Series: Unfortunately, Music at Memorial is unable to present concerts in our beautiful church sanctuary at this time. We have no idea when we will be able to resume, but when we are able to present concerts again, our plan is to continue last season's "Music to Heal the Soul" theme. Concerts that were cancelled in spring 2020 will be rescheduled. Please note that we are not actively soliciting donations this fall (although contributions are always appreciated!). Last year's ticket holders will receive free tickets for any concerts that will be held during the upcoming season.

OUTREACH

Help St. John Presbyterian Church Alleviate Hunger. On Friday, October 16, from 9am - noon, we will help the members of St John PC unload and unpack pallets of food from a Forgotten Harvest truck and put it in the cars of hungry people. We know that hunger is a bigger problem in the City of Detroit this year due to the economics of Covid-19. We had a great time helping in September, so we are doing it again! GPMC is delighted to volunteer monthly under the auspices of our Everyone Eats group. Please go to bit.ly/UnpackTheTruck to sign up!



All Church Shelter Week. Please mark your calendars for October 30 and 31. These are the dates we will collect lunch supplies, cereals, and cleaning products at GPMC to support the homeless during what would have been "our" week of care and love. The sign-up genius is at bit.ly/ShelterWeek-2020. We hope you will go online to check out over 100 requests so we can match your donation to Cass Community Social Services needs that week. YES, we mean that "All Church" part just as we have for the past eight years. Please donate generously. Thank you in advance for your caring spirit!



The October Hunger Offering will go to Cass Community Social Services, a Detroit-based agency with a person-centered philosophy, dedicated to providing food, housing, health services, and job programs. Because GPMC's All-Church Shelter Week is not being held here this winter, Cass could use our support as they add these guests to their on-site program. 150 people need to be fed every day. GPMC members will be asked to help with donated food (see separate note on All Church Shelter Week food donations), but if you can support them through our hunger offering, it would be appreciated. GPMC will match congregation donations made this month up to \$2,000. Make your donation by going on line at gpmchurch.org (find the Hunger Offering choice) or by mailing a check to the church with CCSS noted on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP

GPMC FINANCIAL UPDATE 9/30/2020		
	Budget	Actual
Pledge & Plate Receipts	\$ 886,950	\$ 827,777
Endowments & Other Income & Gifts	\$ 511,900	\$ 506,161
Total Receipts	\$ 1,398,850	\$ 1,333,938
Total Expenses	\$ 1,411,459	\$ 1,307,753

Thank you for your ongoing support! Your unwavering commitment to GPMC continues to power our “Light by the Lakeshore”. Through God’s grace, your weekly giving and special gifts have kept GPMC relatively close to our required pace. However, through the end of September, we are still 6% behind budget in pledge contributions, equating

to a \$50,000 shortfall toward our budget. With 3 months left in the year, please keep current on your giving throughout this critical time of the year! Also, your Stewardship Council has just launched the 2021 Fall Stewardship Campaign, “Our Great Thanksgiving”, with packets arriving in your home mailboxes this past week. This packet includes info on the campaign, plus your 2021 Pledge Commitment Envelope. Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to support GPMC, including an increase to your 2021 commitment!

AND MORE

The Session received approval from Detroit Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry to proceed to the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 18 at 10:15am via Zoom to hear a report from our Nominations Council and to elect members to serve on the PNC. Look for the Zoom link the week of October 12.

In-Person outdoor worship services are at 8:30am and 5pm on Trinity Terrace. We expect to hold both services every Sunday that weather permits us to be outside. Seating is limited to 50 people and registration is encouraged. Reservations for both services will open the Monday prior to worship at 9am. Reservations can be made either online through our church website (see the green button on the bottom right side of this page) or by calling the church office at 313.882.5330 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am to 4pm. There will be 5 reserved parking spots for people who are at high risk. Each spot is for 1 vehicle to worship from within your car. **Several handicap spots are also available near Trinity Terrace and require no reservation.**

The congregation and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church believe that prayer is very important. If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or e-mail her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Please continue to pray for all who mourn, especially the family and friends of those who have recently died in our congregation: Holly Burns, Timothy Wynn Butler, Jr., John Cobau, Audrey Ruth Eckert, Carole Havens, Gladys Hunter, Cristy Hyde, Jane Johnson, Donna Johnston, Victoria Keys, Margaret Odell, Marnie Oakman, Joseph Pehrson.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Tina Buggert (friend of Joan and Tom Coyle), Dorothy Ditmars (Don Ditmars’ sister), Barbara Flood, Greg Hancock, Gail Hart, Jean Hodges, Mary Lamparter, Deb and Jack Liang, The Rexrode Family, (Elizabeth Tengler’s cousins), Alex Scapini (Fran McCabee’s nephew), Linda Schultz (wife of Jim Schultz), Susan Stapleton (friend of Joan and Tom Coyle).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: Adam Bolton, Jean Carmichael, Arlene Cobau, Joan Coyle, Thomas M. Coyle, Jr. (Tom and Joan Coyle’s son), Shawn Cunningham (Cheryl Littleton’s friend), Carrie Devlin (Peg Carpenter’s niece), Lynne Doyal (Guy and Marilyn Doyal’s daughter-in-law), Dale Foote (Dan Aggas’ partner), Andrew Godbehere (Sarah Godbehere’s brother), Dick Heglin (friend of the Van Dusens), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper’s sister), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper’s brother), Linda Jaafar and Louise Winters (Ken Shepherd’s wife’s niece and Ken’s sister), Sandy Jackson (Sarah Godbehere’s sister-in-law’s co-worker), Perry Kent (Phyllis May’s son), Jane McFeeley, JC Robinson (Christina Robinson’s husband), Barbara Wratchford and Margaret Kumar (Kenneth Shepherd’s aunt and mother-in-law).

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Maria Marable (friend of Elizabeth Tengler), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga’s son), Bart and Amanda Ward.

FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS: All who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19, Keith Bellovich, Anna Brucker, Heather Frahm, Matt Koral, Lauren McCabee, Rebecca McCoy, Chris and Rosa Moore, Blake Sanford, Karlyn McCoy Schoen, Karol Swenson, George Williams, Erin Hepler Worrell

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

- Monday, Oct. 12: Preacher's Workshop 10 - 11am via Zoom
Council Meetings 6, 6:30 & 7pm via Zoom
- Tuesday, Oct. 13: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom
Wonder Group 9 - 11am Trinity Terrace
Yoga 6 - 7pm Fellowship Hall
FLAME/LIFE/TUXIS 7-8pm Trinity Terrace
- Wednesday, Oct. 14: Men's Bible Study 7-8am Fellowship Hall
A.A. Meeting 8:15 - 9:15am Trinity Terrace
Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone
Short Story Theology 7:30 - 8:30pm via Zoom
- Thursday, Oct.15: Women's Connection 8:30 - 10am Fellowship Hall
Choir Meeting 7:30 - 8:30pm via Zoom
- Friday, Oct.16: AA 6:30 - 8pm Trinity Terrace
- Saturday, Oct.17: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, Oct. 18: Worship Service 8:30am & 5pm Trinity Terrace
Worship Service 9am via Livestream
Congregational Meeting 10:15am via Zoom



**EXHAUSTED
BY THE PANDEMIC?**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

A Stephen Minister can walk alongside you or a loved one to offer support and care — and it's free and confidential.

To learn more, call Carol Marks at 313-882-5330, Debby Owen at 313-549-9644, or Lois Ann Hernquist at 586-945-0094.



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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - dian - ce that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

O for a World 372

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Letter from Mark Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff (October 11, 2020)

I am approaching my first year anniversary at GPMC and together we have made significant progress in reaching goals and accomplishing objectives for the interim period. The History-to-our-Story Team is completing its project and will soon be presenting it to the congregation (already you have seen their work as members have presented through video their story in the life of GPMC). The Mission Study Team submitted its mission study report to the Session and the Detroit Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, and with the approval of both, the congregation is moving forward to the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee. In coming weeks the Mission Study Team will present its report to the congregation during a Middle Hour Zoom presentation. Given the challenges of the pandemic, these accomplishments in this time frame are remarkable, and I want to thank the teams responsible for their dedicated work for the benefit of GPMC and the Lord's work in this place.

Below you will find a list of "Milestones" along the interim path to the end goal of calling GPMC's next head of staff. The checked boxes indicate tasks accomplished or goals reached so far; the unchecked boxes indicate the remaining steps we have to traverse ahead. As you see, our progress has been significant. The challenging work of the Pastor Nominating Committee stretches before us. Pray for discernment and wisdom of the Nominating Council as they, in a few weeks, place before this congregation the names they are nominating for election to the consequential task of seeking our new pastor, head of staff.

GPMC is well on its way, and I am grateful for your essential support through leadership and encouragement and prayers. And we will continue to need that support. If you have any questions about these "Milestones" listed below, don't hesitate to direct them my way!

The Interim Process at GPMC: Milestones Along the Path

Bold Print indicates major milestones. *☐ indicates completed tasks.

- *☐ **Announcement of Senior Pastor's departure**
- *☐ Interim Search Team activated (Personnel Council)
- *☐ **Departure of Pastor Head of Staff; Acting Head of Staff appointed**
- *☐ **Interim Pastor hired and begins**

- *☐ Interim builds relationships and addresses immediate issues
- *☐ **Recruitment and approval by Session of two interim committees: the "History-to-Our-Story" Team and the Mission Study Team**
- *☐ Mission Study Team (MST) plans its approach to create a mission study process and formulate mission and vision statements for the congregation
- *☐ Mission Study Team (MST) interviews community leaders about perceptions of GPMC by the community
- *☐ Mission Study Team (MST) compiles community demographics and congregational statistics
- *☐ Mission Study Team (MST) plans congregational survey, focus groups, and trains facilitators (if necessary)
- *☐ **Mission Study Team (MST) receives congregational input regarding needs, opportunities, challenges, hopes, mission directions**
- *☐ **"History-to Our-Story" Team (HOST) plans, enacts, and engages the congregation in the history of GPMC up to the present time**
- *☐ Mission Study Team (MST) analyzes congregational survey results
- *☐ Mission Study Team (MST) develops a vision statement and completes a mission study report based on all the input received and the discernment of the MSC.
- *☐ **Mission Study Team (MST) presents its mission study report to the Session for approval or revision**
- *☐ **The Session-approved Mission Study Report is presented to the Committee on Ministry (COM) for its approval**
- *☐ **The Committee on Ministry (COM) authorizes congregation to nominate and elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**
- *☐ The Session authorizes a Nominating Committee to propose a representative slate to the congregation for election to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)
- ☐ Mission Study Team (MST) presents the finalized Mission Study Report to the congregation
- ☐ **The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) elected by congregation**

- ▮ The PNC is trained (by the Presbytery) and completes its process of writing a “Ministry Information Form” (MIF) that becomes the basis for candidates’ interest in the position at GPMC. Much of the data for the “Ministry Information Form” (MIF) is provided in the Mission Study Report.
- ▮ The PNC begins receiving “Personal Information Forms” from clergy candidates and starts the process of discerning appropriate candidates
- ▮ The PNC narrows its candidates list; it begins interviews, checking references, and listening to sermons
- ▮ The PNC brings its short list of candidates for site visits
- ▮ **The PNC selects one candidate and determines that person’s willingness to be called**
- ▮ The PNC presents its candidate for approval by the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery.
- ▮ **Presbytery’s approved candidate is presented to the congregation at a called congregational meeting by the PNC. The congregation elects its next pastor. The Interim Pastor plans his/her departure.**
- ▮ **The pastor-elect moves to GPMC and is installed as its next pastor, head of staff**



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CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT 2020

It's going to be an afternoon of mayhem and mischief!

Saturday, October 31st - noon to 2 pm

There are two ways to join in on the fun!

- 1) Be a Trunk or Treat Volunteer offering treats to the children from the trunk of your vehicle or a table by your vehicle.
- 2) Sign up for one of the designated times to bring your children to trunk or treat! Families may also sign up to pass out treats.

This event will be held outside in the GPMC parking lot. All who participate will be required to wear a mask and adhere to the church's COVID-19 safety protocols.

Links to the sign up can be found on the church website: gpmchurch.org or by calling the church office at 313-882-5330.

For additional information or questions, contact Lisa Turner at lturner@gpmchurch.org or by phone at 313-882-5330.



Pastoral and Program Staff

The Reverend Mark E. Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
The Reverend Sarah Godbehere, Associate Pastor (on Sabbatical)
Susan Acton, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries
James Biery, Minister of Music and Organist
Marie Calcaterra, Director of Mornings at Memorial
Carol Beltz Marks, Director of Pastoral Ministries
The Reverend Susan Mozena, Minister of Adult Education
Jim Schultz, CPA, Director of Finance and Operations
Lisa Turner, Director of Children's Ministries

Administrative Staff

Dan Aggas, Head Sexton
Susan Griffin, Accounting Manager
Donna Hartzell, Administrative Assistant for Worship,
Communications and Music
Fran McCabe, Administrative Assistant for Membership
Dan Ryan, Engineer
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